



PLEASE REPLACE the paragraph on page 1, lines 18 through 21 with the following amended paragraph:

1. Patent Application serial No. 09/389,302, entitled "A NETWORK ADDRESSING SCHEME FOR REDUCING PROTOCOL OVERHEAD IN AN OPTICAL NETWORK", filed 9/2/99 and having S. N. Ali and S. E. Plote as inventors.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(iii), Appendix B provides marked up versions of the amended paragraphs illustrating the newly introduced changes in the specification.

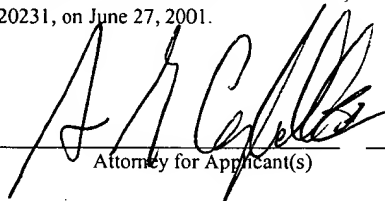
REMARKS

The requested amendment adds no new matter.

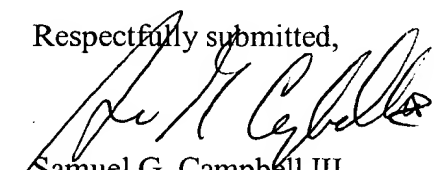
CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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APPENDIX B

In the following, insertions are bold typeface and underlined, and deletions are in bold typeface and enclosed in brackets.

The paragraph on page 1, lines 11 through 16 is amended as follows:

This application is a continuation of Patent Application No. 09/750,668, entitled "A VIRTUAL PATH RESTORATION SCHEME USING FAST DYNAMIC MESH RESTORATION IN AN OPTICAL NETWORK", filed December 29, 2000, and having Ali N. Saleh, H. Michael Zadikian, Zareh Baghdasarian, and Vahid Parsi as inventors (which is a Continuation-in-Part of Patent Application 09/232,397, filed 1/15/99 and entitled "A METHOD FOR ROUTING INFORMATION OVER A NETWORK," having A. N. Saleh, H. M. Zadikian, Z. Baghdasarian, and V. Parsi as inventors). [This]These applications [is]are assigned to Cisco Technology, Inc., the assignee of the present invention, and [is]are hereby incorporated by reference, in [its]their entirety and for all purposes.

The paragraph on page 1, lines 18 through 21 is amended as follows:

1. Patent Application serial No. [09/232,397]09/389,302, entitled "A NETWORK ADDRESSING SCHEME FOR REDUCING PROTOCOL OVERHEAD IN AN OPTICAL NETWORK", filed [June 4, 1999]9/2/99 and having S. N. Ali and S. E. Plote as inventors.

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